

Nebraska Agri-Facts Special Edition

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Nebraska Agriculture

This report highlights the importance of agriculture to Nebraska. In 2001, the State's 53,000 farms and ranches utilized 46.4 million acres or about 94 percent of the State's total land area. Agriculture is Nebraska's primary source of wealth and its dominant industry. Approximately one-fourth of Nebraska workers depend on agriculture and the many related industries involved in all phases of the food and fiber chain from production to marketing for their employment.

The Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service compiled this report as a service to the public, foreign interests looking to buy Nebraska products, and the many farmers, ranchers and agricultural service firms who voluntarily provide survey data to make reliable agricultural estimates possible. Crop and livestock reports date back to the beginning of this country. The National agency issued the first official monthly crop report in 1863. These statistics reports continue to inform both buyers and sellers, helping to keep agricultural markets updated, stable, and efficient - and help to maintain a "level playing field" for all.

We hope this report will be useful and answer many questions about Nebraska agriculture. If more information is needed, please contact us at the address shown above.

Water Resources

Nebraska is a water-rich State. Underneath over half of its 49-million-acre land surface, in porous rock beds called aquifers, is stored about 2 billion acre-feet of good quality groundwater, most of which is readily accessible. Add to that an average of 80 to 100 million acre-feet of annual precipitation and an annual surface-water inflow of roughly 2 million acre-feet to obtain a measure of available water. In terms of surface water, approximately 7 to 8 million acre-feet flows on to other States, making Nebraska a donor of approximately 5 to 6 million acre-feet more than flows into its borders. Groundwater irrigation began in the 1920's. At the beginning of 1975, nearly 46,000 registered irrigation wells and about 5,000 surface water rights supplied 4 million acres. Currently, 83,540 registered wells and some 8,000 surface water rights supply water to about 8.15 million acres of crop and pastureland.

Soil Resources

Nebraska soils are a product of interaction of climate and biological organisms on parent materials as modified by local topography, drainage, and exposure to weathering. Two types of geologic deposits are parent materials for the vast majority of soils in the State. Wind-blown sand is the parent material in the Sandhills grazing region that occupies much of the north-central part of the State. Elsewhere, most soils have formed in wind-blown silt and clay or loess. Topography and subsequent soil drainage have greatly influenced development of soil properties in local areas.

Nebraska Farms and Ranches and Land in Farms

Year	Number of Farms	Land in Farms	Average Size of Farms
	<i>Number</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>
1960	93,000	48,200	518
1970	73,000	48,100	659
1980	65,000	47,700	734
1990	57,000	47,100	826
1993	56,000	46,500	830
1994	56,000	46,500	830
1995	56,000	46,400	829
1996	56,000	46,400	829
1997	55,000	46,400	844
1998	55,000	46,400	844
1999	55,000	46,400	844
2000	54,000	46,400	859
2001	53,000	46,400	875

Agro Climatic Resources

Nebraska is located in the mid-section of the United States (latitude 40°N-43°N; longitude 96°W-104°W). Hot summers and cold winters, variability in rainfall distribution, fluctuating length of growing season, and frequent winds typify Nebraska's climate and each has affected agricultural production decisions and resource distribution over the years. Average "precipitation" during the last decade ranged from slightly below 32 inches in the southeast to slightly over 18 inches in the west. About 75 percent of the precipitation falls as rain during April - September, the crop growing season. Average growing season ranges from 170 days in the southeast to 120 days in the extreme northwest. The southeast is about 1,000 feet above sea level, while the Panhandle has elevations of 4,000 - 5,400 feet. "Irrigation," currently at 8.15 million acres, provides a buffer against drought, a serious recurrent problem for the Great Plains. A careful selection of adaptable crops, improved varieties, use of strip and contour cropping, stubble mulching, deferred grazing and other proven practices enable Nebraska farmers to cope with climatic uncertainty and supply domestic and international markets with top quality products.

Land Uses

Nebraska's 46.4 million acres in farms and ranches is divided between cropland and other land used primarily for pastures and rangeland to support the State's livestock industry. In 2001, the area planted to crops and used for hay totaled 19.3 million acres. Active participation in government acreage reduction programs has reduced planted acreages in some years. Comparable area planted estimates for 1997, 1998, 1999 and 2000 were 19.1, 19.0, 19.3 and 19.2 million acres, respectively.

Corn, soybeans, winter wheat and sorghum are the State's leading crops, usually utilizing about 15.4 million acres of cropland. Corn and winter wheat are grown essentially Statewide, while most soybeans are produced in the eastern one-half of Nebraska. Primary sorghum producing counties lie in the southeastern one-third of the State. The specialty crops of dry edible beans and sugarbeets are produced in western irrigated fields. Sandhill pastures of north central Nebraska produce much of the State's wild hay production and maintain many cow/calf operations.



Nebraska Crop Summary, Selected Years and 2001, Domestic Units

Year	Planted ¹	Harvested	Yield	Production
Corn for Grain				
	<i>1,000 Acres</i>		<i>Bushels</i>	<i>1,000 Bushels</i>
1980	7,800	7,100	85.0	603,500
1985	7,800	7,450	128.0	953,600
1990	7,700	7,300	128.0	934,400
1995	8,000	7,700	111.0	854,700
1998	8,800	8,550	145.0	*1,239,750
1999	8,600	8,300	139.0	1,153,700
2000	8,500	8,050	126.0	1,014,300
2001	8,100	7,750	*147.0	1,139,250
Soybeans				
	<i>1,000 Acres</i>		<i>Bushels</i>	<i>1,000 Bushels</i>
1980	1,830	1,770	30.0	53,100
1985	2,400	2,360	36.0	84,960
1990	2,400	2,360	34.5	81,420
1995	3,100	3,060	33.0	100,980
1998	3,800	3,750	44.0	165,000
1999	4,300	4,250	42.5	180,625
2000	4,650	4,575	38.0	173,850
2001	*4,950	*4,900	45.5	*222,950
All Wheat				
	<i>1,000 Acres</i>		<i>Bushels</i>	<i>1,000 Bushels</i>
1980	3,000	2,850	38.0	108,300
1985	2,600	2,300	39.0	89,700
1990	2,450	2,250	38.0	85,500
1995	2,150	2,100	41.0	86,100
1998	1,900	1,800	46.0	82,800
1999	1,900	1,700	*48.0	81,600
2000	1,750	1,650	36.0	59,400
2001	1,750	1,600	37.0	59,200
Sorghum for Grain				
	<i>1,000 Acres</i>		<i>Bushels</i>	<i>1,000 Bushels</i>
1980	2,200	2,030	60.0	121,800
1985	2,100	1,930	80.0	154,400
1990	1,600	1,410	77.0	108,570
1995	1,250	980	58.0	56,840
1998	700	600	94.0	56,400
1999	550	470	91.0	42,770
2000	600	500	70.0	35,000
2001	550	425	84.0	35,700
All Hay				
	<i>1,000 Acres</i>		<i>Tons</i>	<i>1,000 Tons</i>
1980		3,700	1.91	7,083
1985		3,300	2.05	6,755
1990		3,650	1.97	7,205
1995		3,150	2.29	7,200
1998		3,200	2.40	7,680
1999		3,200	*2.41	7,700
2000		3,050	1.99	6,055
2001		3,250	2.33	7,578
Alfalfa Hay				
	<i>1,000 Acres</i>		<i>Tons</i>	<i>1,000 Tons</i>
1980		1,650	3.05	5,033
1985		1,400	3.40	4,760
1990		1,450	3.30	4,785
1995		1,350	3.60	4,860
1998		1,400	*3.75	5,250
1999		1,400	3.70	5,180
2000		1,350	3.10	4,185
2001		1,450	3.55	5,148
Wild Hay				
	<i>1,000 Acres</i>		<i>Tons</i>	<i>1,000 Tons</i>
1980		1,750	.90	1,575
1985		1,550	.88	1,365
1990		1,600	.92	1,472
1995		1,500	1.19	1,785
1998		1,500	1.15	1,725
1999		1,500	1.27	1,905
2000		1,405	1.03	1,442
2001		1,500	*1.20	1,800

¹ Planted for all purposes. * Record high.

Year	Planted ¹	Harvested	Yield	Production
Irrigated Corn for Grain				
	<i>1,000 Acres</i>		<i>Bushels</i>	<i>1,000 Bushels</i>
1980		4,950	101.0	499,950
1985		5,050	141.5	714,800
1990		5,050	145.5	734,775
1995	5,283	5,125	130.1	666,725
1998	5,388	5,250	161.3	847,050
1999	4,952	4,800	159.4	765,200
2000	4,975	4,800	154.4	741,300
2001	4,730	4,550	*173.0	787,250
Dry Edible Beans				
	<i>1,000 Acres</i>		<i>Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt.</i>
1980	160	150	1,820	2,730
1985	165	151	1,850	2,794
1990	*260	*254	1,970	*5,004
1995	225	205	1,750	3,588
1998	195	188	1,950	3,666
1999	210	187	2,000	3,740
2000	165	156	2,070	3,230
2001	160	148	*2,150	3,185
Sugarbeets				
	<i>1,000 Acres</i>		<i>Tons</i>	<i>1,000 Tons</i>
1980	87.0	85.0	20.9	1,777
1985	59.1	53.2	23.1	1,229
1990	75.1	71.0	21.0	1,491
1995	75.9	72.3	16.4	1,186
1998	53.8	47.4	19.7	934
1999	72.7	66.2	19.0	1,258
2000	78.2	54.8	20.3	1,112
2001	48.6	41.4	20.3	840
Oats				
	<i>1,000 Acres</i>		<i>Bushels</i>	<i>1,000 Bushels</i>
1980	525	380	41.0	15,580
1985	550	420	61.0	25,620
1990	450	280	48.0	13,440
1995	155	90	50.0	4,500
1998	170	95	56.0	5,320
1999	135	75	62.0	4,650
2000	130	45	42.0	1,890
2001	155	60	61.0	3,660

Source: USDA NASS Crop Production 2001 Summary, January 2002.

Crops Record Highs Through 2001

Crops	Year	Record High
Corn Harvested	1932	10,005,000 Acres
for Yield	2001	147.0 Bushels
Grain Production	1998	1,239,750,000 Bushels
Soybeans Harvested	2001	4,900,000 Acres
Yield	1994	47.0 Bushels
Production	2001	222,950,000 Bushels
All Wheat Harvested	1938	4,691,000 Acres
Yield	1999	48.0 Bushels
Production	1958	113,488,000 Bushels
Sorghum Harvested	1965	2,271,000 Acres
for Yield	1994	98.0 Bushels
Grain Production	1981	164,800,000 Bushels
All Hay Harvested	1954	5,595,000 Acres
Yield	1999	2.41 Tons
Production	1982	7,855,000 Tons

Nebraska's Rank Among States in 2001

Rank	Commodity	Number	Unit
1	Great northern bean production	1,786,000	Cwt.
3	Corn for grain production	1,139,250,000	Bushels
3	Sorghum for grain production	35,700,000	Bushels
3	Pinto beans production	1,050,000	Cwt.
3	Alfalfa hay production	5,148,000	Tons
4	On-farm grain storage capacity	1,020,000	Bushels
4	Off-farm grain storage capacity	690,156,000	Bushels
5	Soybean production	222,950,000	Bushels
6	All hay production	7,578,000	Tons
7	Winter wheat production	59,200,000	Bushels
8	Sugarbeet production	840,000	Tons
9	Crops cash receipts, 2000	3,029,152,000	Dollars

Nebraska Crop Summary, Selected Years and 2001, Metric Units

Year	Planted ¹	Harvested	Yield	Production
Corn for Grain				
	<i>1,000 Hectares</i>		<i>Metric Tons</i>	<i>1,000 Metric Tons</i>
1980	3,157	2,873	5.34	15,330
1985	3,157	3,015	8.03	24,222
1990	3,116	2,954	8.03	23,735
1995	3,238	3,116	6.97	21,710
1998	3,561	3,460	9.10	*31,491
1999	3,480	3,359	8.72	29,305
2000	3,440	3,258	7.91	25,764
2001	3,278	3,136	*9.23	28,938

Soybeans				
	<i>1,000 Hectares</i>		<i>Metric Tons</i>	<i>1,000 Metric Tons</i>
1980	741	716	2.02	1,445
1985	971	955	2.42	2,312
1990	971	955	2.32	2,216
1995	1,255	1,238	2.22	2,748
1998	1,538	1,518	2.96	4,491
1999	1,740	1,720	2.86	4,916
2000	1,882	1,851	2.56	4,732
2001	*2,003	*1,983	3.06	*6,068

All Wheat				
	<i>1,000 Hectares</i>		<i>Metric Tons</i>	<i>1,000 Metric Tons</i>
1980	1,214	1,153	2.56	2,947
1985	1,052	931	2.62	2,441
1990	992	911	2.56	2,327
1995	870	850	2.76	2,343
1998	769	728	3.09	2,253
1999	769	688	*3.23	2,221
2000	708	668	2.42	1,617
2001	708	648	2.49	1,611

Sorghum for Grain				
	<i>1,000 Hectares</i>		<i>Metric Tons</i>	<i>1,000 Metric Tons</i>
1980	890	822	3.77	3,094
1985	850	781	5.02	3,922
1990	648	571	4.83	2,758
1995	506	397	3.64	1,444
1998	283	243	5.90	1,433
1999	223	190	5.71	1,086
2000	243	202	4.39	889
2001	223	172	5.27	907

All Hay				
	<i>1,000 Hectares</i>		<i>Metric Tons</i>	<i>1,000 Metric Tons</i>
1980	1,497	4.29		6,426
1985	1,335	4.59		6,128
1990	1,477	4.42		6,536
1995	1,275	5.12		6,532
1998	1,295	5.38		6,967
1999	1,295	*5.39		6,985
2000	1,234	4.45		5,493
2001	1,315	5.23		6,875

Alfalfa Hay				
	<i>1,000 Hectares</i>		<i>Metric Tons</i>	<i>1,000 Metric Tons</i>
1980	668	6.84		4,566
1985	567	7.62		4,318
1990	587	7.40		4,341
1995	546	8.07		4,409
1998	567	*8.41		4,763
1999	567	8.29		4,699
2000	546	6.95		3,797
2001	587	7.96		4,670

Wild Hay				
	<i>1,000 Hectares</i>		<i>Metric Tons</i>	<i>1,000 Metric Tons</i>
1980	708	2.02		1,429
1985	627	1.97		1,238
1990	648	2.06		1,335
1995	607	2.67		1,619
1998	607	2.58		1,565
1999	607	2.85		1,728
2000	569	2.30		1,308
2001	607	*2.69		1,633

Year	Planted ¹	Harvested	Yield	Production
Irrigated Corn for Grain				
	<i>1,000 Hectares</i>		<i>Metric Tons</i>	<i>1,000 Metric Tons</i>
1980		2,003	6.34	12,699
1985		2,044	8.88	18,157
1990		2,044	9.13	18,664
1995	2,138	2,074	8.17	16,935
1998	2,180	2,125	10.13	21,516
1999	2,004	1,943	10.01	19,437
2000	2,013	1,943	9.69	18,830
2001	1,914	1,841	*10.86	19,997

Dry Edible Beans				
	<i>1,000 Hectares</i>		<i>Metric Tons</i>	<i>1,000 Metric Tons</i>
1980	65	61	2.04	124
1985	67	61	2.08	127
1990	*105	*103	2.21	*227
1995	91	83	1.96	163
1998	79	76	2.19	166
1999	85	76	2.24	170
2000	67	63	2.32	147
2001	65	60	*2.41	145

Sugarbeets				
	<i>1,000 Hectares</i>		<i>Metric Tons</i>	<i>1,000 Metric Tons</i>
1980	35.2	34.4	46.86	1,612
1985	23.9	21.5	51.79	1,115
1990	30.4	28.7	47.07	1,353
1995	30.7	29.3	36.77	1,076
1998	21.8	19.2	44.17	847
1999	29.4	26.8	42.60	1,141
2000	31.6	22.2	45.49	1,009
2001	19.7	16.8	45.48	762

Oats				
	<i>1,000 Hectares</i>		<i>Metric Tons</i>	<i>1,000 Metric Tons</i>
1980	212	154	1.47	226
1985	223	170	2.19	372
1990	182	113	1.72	195
1995	63	36	1.79	65
1998	69	38	2.01	77
1999	55	30	2.22	67
2000	53	18	1.51	27
2001	63	24	2.19	53

Crops Record Highs Through 2001

Crops	Year	Record High
Corn	Harvested 1932	4,049,000 Hectares
for	Yield 2001	9.23 Metric Tons
Grain	Production 1998	31,491,000 Metric Tons
Soybeans	Harvested 2001	1,983,000 Hectares
	Yield 1994	3.16 Metric Tons
	Production 2001	6,068,000 Metric Tons
All Wheat	Harvested 1938	1,898,000 Hectares
	Yield 1999	3.23 Metric Tons
	Production 1958	3,087,000 Metric Tons
Sorghum	Harvested 1965	919,000 Hectares
for	Yield 1994	6.15 Metric Tons
Grain	Production 1981	4,186,000 Metric Tons
All Hay	Harvested 1954	2,264,000 Hectares
	Yield 1999	5.39 Metric Tons
	Production 1982	7,126,000 Metric Tons

Nebraska's Rank Among States in 2001

Rank	Commodity	Number	Unit
1	Great northern bean production	81,084	Metric Tons
3	Corn for grain production	28,938,000	Metric Tons
3	Sorghum for grain production	907,000	Metric Tons
3	Pinto beans production	47,670	Metric Tons
3	Alfalfa hay production	4,670,000	Metric Tons
4	On-farm grain storage capacity	26,310,000	Metric Tons
4	Off-farm grain storage capacity	18,153,900	Metric Tons
5	Soybean production	6,068,000	Metric Tons
6	All hay production	6,875,000	Metric Tons
7	Winter wheat production	1,611,000	Metric Tons
8	Sugarbeet production	762,000	Metric Tons
9	Crops cash receipts, 2000	3,029,152,000	Dollars

¹ Planted for all purposes. * Record high.

Nebraska Livestock and Poultry Summary

Highlights

- * 2 of every 3 farms have sales of livestock, poultry, and products.
- * Cash receipts from livestock, poultry, and products annually account for about 66% of total cash receipts.
- * National rank among States (Number and Date):
 - 1st - Commercial red meat production (7.2 billion lbs. 2001)
 - 1st - Commercial cattle slaughter (7.7 million - 2001)
 - 3rd - Cattle on feed (2.37 million - 1/02)
 - 3rd - Cattle & calves (6.4 million - 1/02)
 - 3rd - Fed cattle marketed, 1000+ lots (4.6 million - 2001)
 - 3rd - Livestock cash receipts (\$5.9 billion - 2000)
 - 4th - Beef cows (1.93 million - 1/02)
 - 5th - Hog slaughter (6.7 million - 2001)
 - 6th - Calves born (1.82 million - 2001)
 - 7th - Hogs & pigs (2.9 million - 12/01)
 - 12th - Chickens (13.7 million - 12/01)
 - 16th - Sheep & lambs (101,000 - 1/02)
 - 18th - Honey production (2.06 million lbs. - 2001)

Livestock Record Highs to Date

Commodity	Number	Mo./Yr.
Cattle & Calves	7.41 million head	1/74
Cattle on Feed	2.55 million head	1/01
Fed Cattle Marketed	5.185 million head	2000
Milk Cows	820 thousand head	1/34
Hogs & Pigs	5.98 million head	1/24
Sheep & Lambs	1.26 million head	1/43
Chickens	19.9 million head	1/44

Livestock Inventories, Selected Years

Year	All Cattle Jan. 1	Beef Cows Jan. 1	Milk Cows Jan. 1	Hogs & Pigs Dec. 1	All Sheep Jan. 1	All Chickens Dec. 1
<i>1,000 Head</i>						
1970	6,330	1,915	175	3,691	377	5,230
1980	6,400	1,950	120	3,900	210	4,000
1990	5,700	1,760	100	4,300	177	6,200
1996	6,500	1,930	70	3,550	105	11,493
1997	6,650	1,941	69	3,500	95	12,126
1998	6,750	1,940	70	3,400	100	13,219
1999	6,700	1,978	72	3,000	105	13,846
2000	6,650	1,974	76	3,050	102	13,895
2001	6,600	1,945	75	2,900	114	13,704
2002	6,400	1,932	68		101	

Commercial Cattle & Hog Slaughter, Selected Years

Year	Coml. Cattle Slaughter		Coml. Hog Slaughter	
	1,000 Head	NE % of U.S.	1,000 Head	NE % of U.S.
1970	4,338	12.4	2,566	3.0
1980	5,612	16.6	4,581	4.8
1990	5,882	17.7	5,401	6.3
1995	6,769	19.0	5,837	6.1
1996	7,293	19.9	5,718	6.2
1997	7,408	20.4	5,776	6.3
1998	7,300	20.6	6,286	6.2
1999	7,436	20.6	6,356	6.3
2000	7,617	21.0	6,270	6.4
2001	7,694	21.8	6,681	6.8

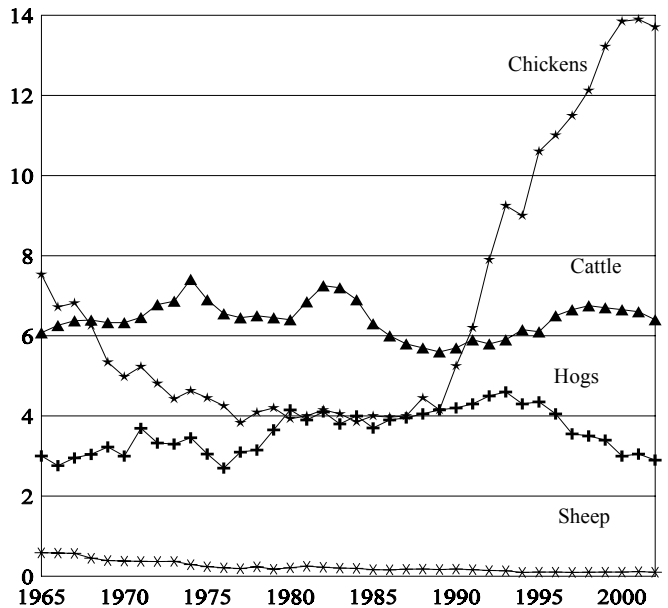
Number of Operations with Livestock, 1992-2001

Year	Cattle	Beef ¹ Cows	Milk ¹ Cows	Hogs	Sheep	Cattle Feedlots ¹	
						All	1000+
Number							
1992	29,000	23,000	2,500	12,500	2,600	6,400	560
1993	29,000	23,000	2,300	11,500	2,200	6,000	600
1994	29,000	23,000	2,000	11,000	1,700	5,700	650
1995	28,000	23,000	1,900	10,000	1,700	5,600	655
1996	28,000	23,000	1,800	8,500	1,700	5,400	670
1997	28,000	23,000	1,500	6,500	1,700	5,100	665
1998	29,000	23,000	1,400	5,900	1,700	5,000	665
1999	28,000	23,000	1,300	5,000	1,700	5,020	685
2000	27,000	23,000	1,200	4,000	1,700	5,200	695
2001	26,000	22,000	1,100	3,400	1,600	5,100	720

¹ Included in number of cattle operations.

Trends in Livestock and Poultry Inventories

Million Head



Number of Livestock Slaughter Plants, F.I. Cattle & Hog Slaughter, Selected Years

Year	Slaughtering Plants			Cattle		Hogs	
	F.I.	Other	Total	Plants	Head	Plants	Head
<i>Number</i>				<i>Number</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>1,000</i>
1980	72	159	231	67	5,607	46	4,532
1990	49	140	189	47	5,834	36	5,348
1995	42	89	131	39	6,742	28	5,813
1996	43	86	129	39	7,333	28	5,752
1997	40	84	124	36	7,470	24	5,836
1998	39	78	117	33	7,254	22	6,235
1999	34	82	116	29	7,394	20	6,311
2000	33	81	114	32	7,592	22	6,252
2001	34	78	112	32	7,649	23	6,643
2002	35	76	111				

F.I. - Federally Inspected.

Cattle in Nebraska

- * In 2000, cash receipts total \$4.9 billion, or 55% of the State's total agricultural receipts.
- * Account for about 6.6% of the Nation's cattle herd, 5.8% of the Nation's beef cow herd, and 17% of the Nation's cattle on feed.
- * Central and western feeding expanding:
In 1954, 75% of cattle were placed in eastern one-third of State. Recently, less than 40% of the fed cattle were placed in eastern lots.
- * Feeding more cattle in fewer feedlots:
In 1962, operators of 24,303 lots marketed 1.8 million fed cattle. In 2001, only 5,100 lots marketed 4.9 million.
- * Commercial cattle slaughter totaled about 7.7 million head in 2001 and 22% of U.S. total cattle slaughter.

Cattle Statistics, Selected Years

Year	All Cattle & Calves	All Cows	Calf Crop	All Cattle on Feed
<i>1,000 Head</i>				
1960	5,072	1,855	1,689	
1970	6,330	2,090	2,006	1,477
1980	6,400	2,070	1,970	1,680
1990	5,700	1,860	1,730	2,060
1998	6,750	2,010	1,860	2,300
1999	6,700	2,050	1,860	2,240
2000	6,650	2,050	1,840	2,440
2001	6,600	2,020	1,820	2,550
2002	6,400	2,000		2,370

Cattle Placed in Feedlots and Percent by Areas, Selected Years

Item or Area	1954 ¹	1964	1974	1984	1994 ²	1996 ²	1997 ²	1998 ²	1999 ²	2000 ²	2001 ²
<i>1,000 Head</i>											
Nebraska Annual Cattle Placed	1,065	2,441	3,551	4,660	4,319	4,600	4,690	4,510	5,110	5,105	4,540
<i>Percent of Total Placed</i>											
NE, E & SE	74.8	68.6	64.5	50.1	44.4	40.5	39.7	38.3	39.6	39.7	33.9
Rest of State	25.2	31.4	35.5	49.9	55.6	59.5	60.3	61.7	60.4	60.3	60.1

¹Series started in 1954. ²Estimates for lots with 1,000+ head capacity only. NOTE: 2000 & 2001 preliminary.

Percent of Fed Cattle Marketed by Capacity of Feedlots, Selected Years

Feedlot Capacity	1962 ¹	1964	1974	1984	1994	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
<i>Percent of Total Marketed</i>											
Under 1,000 head	72.6	61.4	39.6	30.1	12.8	5.1	5.9	5.5	5.7	5.8	6.2
1,000-8,000 head	19.7	26.7	31.5	29.8	35.5	37.5	35.5	35.1	34.2	35.1	35.7
8,000-32,000 head	7.7	11.9	20.7	28.0	40.5	45.5	45.3	44.4	46.5	46.9	45.5
32,000+ head			8.2	12.1	11.2	11.9	13.3	15.0	13.6	12.2	12.6
Total Marketed											
All Lots (000)	1,822	2,436	3,355	4,220	4,715	4,525	4,710	4,700	5,060	5,185	4,875

¹Series started in 1962.

Hogs and Pigs in Nebraska

- * December 1, 2001 hog numbers totaled 2.9 million head, down 5% from the 3.05 million December 1, 2000.
- * Cash receipts in 2000 totaled \$683 million or about 7.6% of the State's total agricultural receipts.
- * Account for about 4.9% of the Nation's hog herd.
- * Commercial hog slaughter increased to 6.7 million head in 2001 and 6.8% of U.S. total hog slaughter.

Poultry in Nebraska

- * Chicken inventory totaled 13.7 million head on December 1, 2001, down slightly from December 1, 2000.
- * In 2000, cash receipts of over \$121 million were just over 1.4% of the State's total agricultural receipts.
- * Egg production and number of layers increased over 28% in last five years.
- * Broiler production declined to 3.4 million head in 2000.

Hogs and Pigs Statistics, Selected Years

Year	December 1 Inventory	Annual Sows Farrowed ¹	Litter Rate ¹	Annual Pig Crop ¹
<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Number</i>		<i>1,000 Head</i>
1960	2,527	565	7.03	3,972
1970	3,691	815	7.19	5,862
1980	3,900	853	7.36	6,290
1990	4,300	865	7.98	6,900
1998	3,400	680	8.50	5,781
1999	3,000	640	8.64	5,528
2000	3,050	625	8.84	5,525
2001	2,900	615	8.74	5,373

¹December previous year - November current year.

Poultry Statistics, Selected Years

Year	Eggs Prod.	Chickens Dec. 1 ¹	Broiler Prod. ²	Chickens Sold ²
<i>Million</i>		<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>
1960	1,843	10,425	2,175	4,798
1970	858	5,230	1,371	2,398
1980	847	4,000	2,000	1,600
1990	1,202	6,200	2,950	1,345
1998	2,706	13,219	1,200	5,530
1999	2,837	13,846	11,500	5,182
2000	2,999	13,895	3,400	6,193
2001	3,001	13,704		

¹Excludes commercial broilers. ²December previous year - November current year.

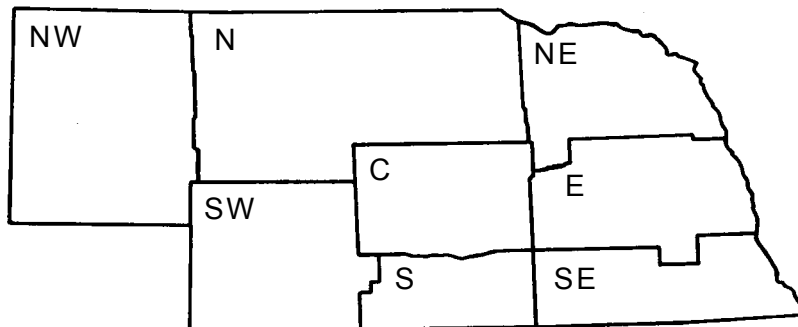
Nebraska's Top Ten Producing Counties, Selected Commodities, 2001

Rank	Corn for Grain		Soybeans		Winter Wheat		Sorghum for Grain	
	District	County	District	County	District	County	District	County
1	E	York	E	Saunders	NW	Cheyenne	SE	Gage
2	E	Hamilton	NE	Antelope	NW	Box Butte	SE	Nuckolls
3	C	Dawson	S	Phelps	SW	Perkins	SE	Saline
4	C	Custer	SE	Fillmore	S	Furnas	SE	Thayer
5	C	Hall	E	Platte	SW	Hitchcock	SE	Jefferson
6	C	Buffalo	NE	Cuming	SW	Red Willow	S	Furnas
7	S	Phelps	E	Dodge	NW	Kimball	SW	Red Willow
8	SW	Lincoln	E	Hamilton	NW	Deuel	S	Webster
9	S	Kearney	NE	Cedar	SW	Chase	SE	Fillmore
10	S	Adams	SE	Gage	SW	Frontier	S	Harlan

Rank	Oats for Grain		Sunflowers		All Cattle and Calves January 1, 2002		Beef Cows January 1, 2002	
	District	County	District	County	District	County	District	County
1	NE	Knox	NW	Kimball	N	Cherry	N	Cherry
2	NE	Cedar	SW	Perkins	C	Custer	N	Holt
3	NE	Thurston	NW	Cheyenne	C	Dawson	C	Custer
4	NE	Dixon	NW	Sheridan	N	Holt	SW	Lincoln ¹
5	NE	Boone	NW	Box Butte	NE	Cuming	NW	Sheridan ¹
6	NE	Pierce	NW	Deuel	SW	Lincoln	C	Dawson
7	E	Colfax	SW	Keith	NW	Scotts Bluff	NE	Knox
8	NE	Stanton	SW	Frontier	S	Phelps	C	Buffalo ²
9	NE	Wayne	SW	Hayes	NW	Sheridan	SW	Frontier ²
10	NE	Antelope	NW	Banner	NW	Morrill	N	Rock ²

¹ Tied for 4th. ² Tied for 8th.

Nebraska's Agricultural Statistics Districts



Nebraska's Usual Planting and Harvesting Dates, Selected Crops ¹

Crop	Usual Planting Dates			Usual Harvesting Dates		
	Begin	Most Active	End	Begin	Most Active	End
Barley, Spring	Mar 20	Mar 25 - Apr	Apr 18	Jul 18	Jul 20 - Jul 25	Jul 30
Beans, Dry	May 26	Jun 9 - Jun 16	Jun 23	Sep 8	Sep 15 - Sep	Oct 13
Corn, for Grain	Apr 21	May 3 - May	Jun 1	Sep 21	Oct 11 - Nov 6	Dec 1
Corn, for Silage	Apr 21	May 3 - May	Jun 1	Aug 25	Sep 5 - Sep 25	Oct 10
Hay, Alfalfa				May 10		Oct 5
Hay, Other				Jun 5		Sep 20
Oats, Spring	Mar 24	Apr 2 - Apr 27	May 9	Jul 4	Jul 15 - Aug 2	Aug 12
Rye	Aug 30	Sep 12 - Sep	Oct 6	Jun 30	Jul 12 - Jul 30	Aug 8
Sorghum, for	May 11	May 20 - Jun 8	Jun 19	Sep 19	Oct 8 - Oct 30	Nov 17
Sorghum, for	May 11	May 20 - Jun 8	Jun 19	Aug 25	Sep 10 - Sep	Oct 10
Soybeans	May 9	May 18 - Jun 4	Jun 17	Sep 19	Sep 30 - Oct 15	Oct 27
Sugarbeets	Apr 1	Apr 10 - Apr	May 5	Oct 5	Oct 10 - Oct 30	Nov 5
Wheat, Winter	Aug 30	Sep 12 - Sep	Oct 6	Jun 26	Jul 7 - Jul 26	Aug 8

¹ Source: USDA's Usual Planting and Harvesting Dates for U.S. Field Crops, December 1997.

**Nebraska Precipitation Data
by Agricultural Statistics Districts, 1981-2000 ¹**

Year	Agricultural Statistics Districts							
	Northwest	North	Northeast	Central	East	Southwest	South	Southeast
<i>Inches</i>								
1981	17.04	22.74	23.43	26.59	27.60	24.97	29.99	30.65
1982	21.21	25.63	34.19	27.81	39.01	23.60	26.72	35.78
1983	18.29	27.04	30.45	25.65	32.20	18.96	25.62	31.81
1984	15.35	24.40	36.34	31.33	36.59	21.12	24.51	34.89
1985	14.65	21.03	26.35	27.73	29.88	18.87	26.07	30.26
1986	20.11	27.12	32.72	25.02	38.34	17.91	22.46	38.63
1987	18.09	24.06	26.40	28.26	32.59	22.32	29.23	37.80
1988	16.92	23.41	20.70	22.13	20.15	20.32	20.53	18.38
1989	11.92	13.44	17.20	20.38	22.26	16.17	20.93	24.49
1990	16.59	21.11	25.60	22.79	27.31	17.13	23.17	26.57
1991	16.70	21.41	26.24	23.03	30.32	21.19	21.57	26.61
1992	17.11	24.34	33.76	24.94	31.87	22.10	24.70	37.17
1993	21.80	28.72	35.72	34.02	39.71	27.05	38.64	48.25
1994	14.07	22.79	27.12	23.24	26.83	19.24	23.47	26.32
1995	20.48	28.78	32.24	24.33	24.87	20.31	23.36	29.21
1996	18.61	23.13	27.61	26.31	30.79	24.86	32.02	34.91
1997	18.00	21.47	22.17	23.39	25.45	19.00	22.78	30.59
1998	19.56	26.73	33.52	25.29	34.31	18.65	23.68	34.36
1999	18.53	21.24	27.63	25.27	30.48	21.77	25.00	27.16
2000	17.37	19.47	23.31	20.36	23.83	17.43	22.76	24.76

¹ Source: NOAA/National Climatic Data Center.

**Number of Days Temperature 95 Degrees Fahrenheit or Above
by Agricultural Statistics Districts, Selected Reporting Stations, May-September, 1981-2000 ¹**

Year	Agricultural Statistics Districts, Reporting Station							
	Northwest (Alliance)	North (Atkinson)	Northeast (Hartington)	Central (Broken Bow)	East (David City)	Southwest (Culbertson)	South (Franklin)	Southeast (Pawnee City)
<i>Number of Days</i>								
1981	7	5	11	7	8	17	9	16
1982	10	10	11	9	8	16	13	13
1983	13	14	25	14	29	51	39	42
1984	4	18	5	12	15	29	23	25
1985	11	10	3	13	9	24	21	14
1986	8	10	2	14	6	19	16	16
1987	19	13	14	16	19	27	11	20
1988	23	25	23	14	25	28	28	35
1989	18	11	14	6	11	20	9	19
1990	14	15	12	15	10	35	13	27
1991	14	22	15	13	14	21	19	30
1992	3	1	0	0	0	2	0	0
1993	0	2	0	0	1	6	2	9
1994	18	1	1	3	2	23	12	17
1995	26	17	14	7	13	33	23	19
1996	6	0	0	0	0	9	5	7
1997	18	12	2	5	5	24	20	13
1998	10	9	1	6	2	25	22	5
1999	17	11	4	2	3	20	15	25
2000	25	22	8	15	12	51	46	18

¹ Source: High Plains Climate Center, Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources, University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Nebraska Agriculture Economics

Nebraska All Land Average Value per Acre by Statistical District, Selected Years

District	Selected Years						
	1991	1993	1995	1997	1999	2000	2001
Northwest	226	239	250	269	275	276	274
North	215	226	251	275	285	299	312
Northeast	747	790	860	962	1,052	1,070	1,107
Central	639	693	744	833	859	842	854
East	1,115	1,217	1,378	1,600	1,718	1,737	1,747
Southwest	341	396	384	417	439	464	471
South	787	885	944	1,066	1,099	1,056	1,060
Southeast	756	845	925	1,057	1,111	1,121	1,143
State	492	531	582	654	690	698	709

Source: Nebraska Farm Real Estate Market Developments 2000-01, Department of Agricultural Economics, UNL, June 2001.

Prices Received by Nebraska Farmers, Selected Years ¹

Commodity	1970	1980	1990	1999	2000	2001
Corn, Bu.	1.25	3.08	2.28	1.75	1.90	2.00
Soybeans, Bu.	2.78	7.25	5.59	4.47	4.44	4.20
Sorghum, Cwt.	1.93	5.09	3.66	1.52	1.84	1.85
All Wheat, Bu.	1.22	3.82	2.53	2.20	2.61	2.80
Oats, Bu.	.65	1.85	1.19	1.00	1.42	1.55
All Hay, Ton	21.00	55.00	58.00	37.50	69.50	72.00
Sugarbeets, Ton	14.80	47.00	40.10	33.20	29.20	
Dry Beans, Cwt.	8.00	26.90	16.90	16.30	15.80	17.80
Steers & Heifers, Cwt.	29.10	66.70	80.00	66.30	70.00	73.60
Cows, Cwt.	20.50	45.80	52.00	34.60	38.40	40.20
Calves, Cwt.	35.30	78.70	100.00	89.50	106.00	108.00
Hogs, Cwt.	22.30	38.10	54.80	32.30	44.30	46.30
Sheep, Cwt.	7.30	24.50	21.90	31.50	34.60	34.50
Lambs, Cwt.	27.50	64.30	54.00	72.50	76.20	61.20
Milk Cows ²	298	1,130	1,130	1,290	1,290	1,470

¹Crops prices for 1980 are season average prices; beginning 1985 prices are marketing year average prices received. 2001 preliminary. ² Calendar year average, dollars per head.

Grain Storage Capacity

Commercial off-farm grain storage capacity of the 519 licensed storage facilities totaled 690.2 million bushels on December 1, 2001. On-farm capacity was estimated at 1.02 billion bushels on December 1, 2001, compared with 1.03 billion bushels on December 1, 2000.

Grain Storage Capacity: Off-Farm, by District Nebraska & United States, 2000-2001

District	Storage Capacity ¹		Net Change	2001 2000
	12/1/00	12/1/01		
	<i>1,000 Bushels</i>			<i>Percent</i>
Northwest	34,984	36,589	1,605	105
North	21,173	19,781	-1,392	93
Northeast	76,776	74,331	-2,445	97
Central	54,822	57,958	3,136	106
East	226,926	221,766	-5,160	98
Southwest	68,745	64,886	-3,859	94
South	104,454	105,137	683	101
Southeast	104,511	109,708	5,197	105
Nebraska	692,391	690,156	-2,235	100
United States	8,348,966	8,419,880	70,914	101

¹ Licensed commercial storage, including temporary facilities licensed for use this year.

Nebraska Total Farm Income, 1992-2000

Year	Gross Income ¹	Farm Production Expenses	Net Farm Income	Net Farm Income Per Farm
	<i>Million Dollars</i>			<i>Dollars</i>
1992	9,933.2	7,422.6	2,510.7	44,833
1993	9,805.6	7,807.9	1,997.7	35,673
1994	9,917.6	7,748.0	2,169.6	38,743
1995	9,589.3	7,938.9	1,650.3	29,470
1996	11,629.0	8,188.1	3,441.0	61,446
1997	10,982.8	8,906.8	2,076.0	37,746
1998	10,607.7	8,777.6	1,830.0	33,273
1999	10,757.9	9,014.4	1,743.5	31,700
2000	10,909.3	9,489.5	1,419.8	26,292

¹ See table below for detailed breakdown, including inventory adjustment.

Nebraska Gross Farm Income, 1992-2000

Year	Cash Receipts	Government Payments	Non-Cash Income	Farm-Related Income	Value of Inventory Adjustment
	<i>Million Dollars</i>				
1992	8,685.3	478.7	156.6	306.3	306.3
1993	8,871.3	806.3	172.1	348.3	-392.3
1994	8,509.2	348.2	190.2	350.3	519.7
1995	8,983.0	507.3	203.7	421.2	-525.9
1996	9,241.4	388.7	221.0	451.1	1,326.8
1997	9,805.0	454.5	222.4	486.2	14.6
1998	9,021.1	814.7	214.8	614.4	-57.4
1999	8,421.9	1,411.9	226.2	642.5	55.4
2000	8,951.9	1,407.0	226.8	591.2	-267.6

Value of Nebraska Agricultural Exports, 1996-2000

Commodity	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
	<i>Million Dollars</i>				
Feed Grains & Products	1,295.0	1,108.3	779.6	872.5	769.1
Soybeans & Products	367.1	526.6	482.3	393.7	453.5
Wheat & Products	240.8	131.6	88.1	119.1	122.0
Feeds & Fodders	221.9	244.7	246.7	235.5	259.9
Seeds	33.9	43.6	35.2	36.2	35.7
Vegetables & Preparations	25.2	30.2	36.2	27.6	21.9
Live Animals & Meat	828.6	797.6	823.1	850.5	1,027.1
Hides & Skins	282.6	304.1	241.5	204.3	276.4
Fats, Oils & Greases	122.8	101.3	128.5	110.0	81.4
Dairy Products	12.5	14.2	15.5	16.7	18.4
Other	66.7	68.8	69.8	67.4	70.9
Total	3,497.1	3,370.9	2,946.5	2,933.5	3,136.0

A Bit of Agricultural Statistics Office History

The Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service is a Federal-State cooperative effort of the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service and the Nebraska Department of Agriculture. A Federal statistics program dates back to 1862 when USDA was founded. This Nebraska cooperative office has been in existence since 1918. It is located in Room 298 of the Federal Building in Lincoln at 100 Centennial Mall North. The office has had three different names: State-Federal Division of Agricultural Statistics (1918-1976), Nebraska Crop and Livestock Reporting Service (1976-1986), and the Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service (1986 to date). While the office name has changed and survey procedures improved upon, the objective of providing the most accurate and reliable agricultural forecasts and estimates possible has remained unchanged throughout the years. "Voluntary" reporting by many thousands of farmers, ranchers and agri-business firms make these estimates possible in a timely manner.